GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2856
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PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE AND MASS CRIMES BILL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has studied the Draft Law Prevention and Punishment of Genocide and Crimes against humanity Act, 2004 prepared by citizens group comprising of retired eminent judges/persons of the county;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the legislation is proposed to be brought before parliament?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): A Bill to enact a comprehensive law to deal with communal violence in the country is under preparation. The Government has received suggestions from different quarters for incorporation including a draft titled `The Prevention and Punishment of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity Act, 2004` prepared by a citizens group comprising of retired eminent jurists/persons. The suggestions include provisions relating to definitions of offences, measures aimed at their prevention and prosecution, compensation, speedy trial of the offences and relief and rehabilitation of the victims of the riots etc. The Bill will be finalized after wider consultations and is likely to be introduced in the Parliament in its next Session.